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HA NOI PETROLEUM PRODUCTS STORAGE
THANH AM, NORTH VIETNAM
2103N 10553E

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1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS THE EFFECTS OF A
U.S. AIR STRIKE ON THE HA NOI PETROLEUM PRODUCTS STORAGE
THANH AM.

2. LOCATION:

HA NOI PETROLEUM PRODUCTS STORAGE THANH AM IS
LOCATED JUST SOUTHWEST OF THANH AM AND 3.7 NM NORTHEAST
OF HA NOI.

3. COLLATERAL:

THE PETROLEUM FACILITIES OF NORTH VIETNAM ARE
LIMITED TO THOSE REQUIRED TO STORE AND DISTRIBUTE
REFINED PRODUCTS; THERE ARE NO OIL FIELDS OR REFINERIES
IN THE COUNTRY. ALL POL IS IMPORTED, WITH NINETY-FIVE
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THE MILITARY FORCES CONSUME ABOUT SIXTY PERCENT OF THE
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4. BACKGROUND:

PHOTOGRAPHY OF EARLY REVEALED THIS INSTALLATION TO CONSIST OF AT LEAST THIRTY-SEVEN LARGE POL STORAGE TANKS. A SUPPORT AREA WAS LOCATED JUST SOUTHEAST OF THE TANK YARD AND CONSISTED OF TWO WAREHOUSES, ONE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, THIRTY-FIVE STORAGE/SUPPORT BUILDINGS, AND A MOTOR POOL. THE INSTALLATION WAS BOTH ROAD AND RAIL-SERVED.

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5. STRIKE INFORMATION:

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ORDNANCE EXPENDED CONSISTED OF ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-EIGHT 750-POUND GENERAL PURPOSE BOMBS.

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UE 901F, 29 JUNE 1966, REVEALS ALL STORAGE TANKS WITHIN THE INSTALLATION APPEAR TO BE ENGULFED IN SMOKE AND FLAMES. APPROXIMATELY FIFTY BOMB CRATERS ARE OBSERVED IN THE STORAGE/SUPPORT AREA IMMEDIATELY SOUTHEAST OF THE TANK YARD, WITH EIGHT BUILDINGS SEVERELY DAMAGED AND SEVENTEEN MODERATELY DAMAGED. AT LEAST FIVE BOXCARS ON THE RAIL SIDING SERVING THE AREA HAVE BEEN DESTROYED.



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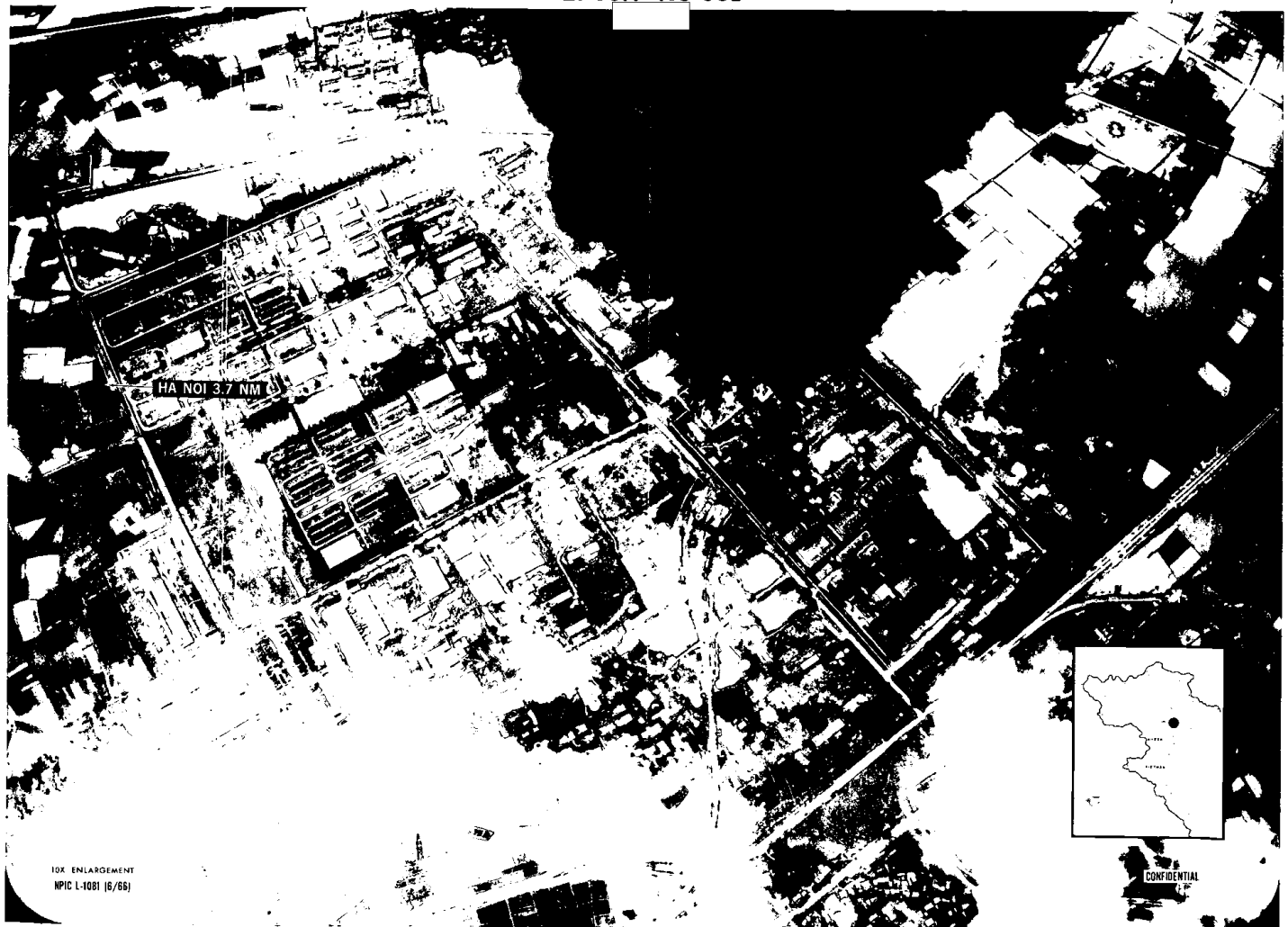
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